

List of Claims:

1 – 23. (Withdrawn)

24. A laminate comprising a first layer bonded to a second layer comprising a fibrous mat containing a major portion of non-cellulosic fibers having an average fiber diameter of at least about 10 microns, the fibrous mat having a coating on a surface, the coating having an exposed surface having a surface smoothness Ra of no greater than about 15 microns, the coating comprising a filler.

25. (Currently amended) The laminate of claim 24 [5 ] wherein the coating comprises a minor amount of clay, a minor amount of polymeric binder and a major amount of filler.

26. The laminate of claim 25 wherein the coating comprises about 10 to about 20 wt. percent clay, about 5 to about 15 wt. percent polymeric binder and about 65 to about 85 wt. percent filler.

27. The laminate of claim 26 wherein the coating comprises kaolin clay and limestone.

28. The laminate of claim 7 wherein kaolin is present in an amount of about 12 to about 18 wt. percent and limestone is present in an amount of about 70 to about 80 wt. percent.

29. The laminate of claim 25 wherein the fibrous mat is a nonwoven mat comprising glass fibers and a cured polymeric binder bonding the fibers together.

30. The laminate of claim 31 wherein the glass fibers have an average diameter of at least about 11 microns.

31 – 38. (Withdrawn)

39. (Currently amended) The laminate ~~coated-mat~~ of claim 24 [5] wherein the exposed surface of the dry coating has an Ra of no greater than about 13 microns.

40. (Currently amended) The laminate ~~coated-mat~~ of claim 24 [5] wherein the exposed surface of the dry coating has an Ra of no greater than about 10 microns.

41. (New) The laminate of claim 24 wherein the first layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, metal foil, plastic, fibrous insulation, foam, concrete, gypsum wallboard, a gypsum containing material, ceramic, glass, metal, perlite board, wood or a wood product.

42. (New) The laminate of claim 25 wherein the first layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, metal foil, plastic, fibrous insulation, foam, concrete, gypsum wallboard, a gypsum containing material, ceramic, glass, metal, perlite board, wood or a wood product.

43. (New) The laminate of claim 26 wherein the first layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, metal foil, plastic, fibrous insulation, foam, concrete, gypsum wallboard, a gypsum containing material, ceramic, glass, metal, perlite board, wood or a wood product.

44. (New) The laminate of claim 28 wherein the first layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, metal foil, plastic, fibrous insulation, foam, concrete, gypsum wallboard, a gypsum containing material, ceramic, glass, metal, perlite board, wood or a wood product.